

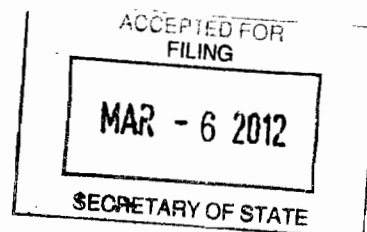
Rule-Making Cover Sheet

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TO: Secretary of State
ATTN: Administrative Procedure Officer,
State House Station 101, Augusta, Maine 04333.

2012-61

1. **Agency:** Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation, Maine Board of Pharmacy
2. **Agency umbrella and unit number:** 02-392
(2 digit umbrella # and 3 digit unit #)
3. **Title of rule:** Pharmacy Student Internship Programs (sunsetting)
4. **Chapter number assigned to the rule:** 6
(must be 3 digits or less)
5. **Date(s)/method(s) of notice:** Newspaper advertisement by Secretary of State, 10-12-11; mailing to interested parties, 09-29-11; posting on OPOR's web site, 09-28-11
6. **Date(s)/place(s) of hearing(s):** 11-03-11, Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, 76 Northern Avenue, Gardiner, ME
- 7-A. **Type:** ☐ new rule ☒ partial amendment(s) of existing rule
☐ suspension of existing rule ☐ repeal of rule ☐ emergency rule
☐ repeal and replace: complete replacement of existing chapter, with former version simultaneously repealed.
8. **Name/phone of agency contact person:** Geraldine Betts, Board Administrator, (207) 624-8625
9. **If a major substantive rule under Title 5, c. 375, sub-CII-A, check one of the following**
☐ Provisional adoption (prior to Legislative review) ☐ Final adoption
☐ Emergency adoption of major-substantive rule



10. **Certification Statement:** I, Joseph Bruno, hereby certify that the attached is a true copy of the rule(s) described above and lawfully adopted by the Maine Board of Pharmacy on February 2, 2012.

Signature: _____

(original signature, personally signed by the head of agency)

Printed Name & Title: Joseph Bruno, Board President

11. **Approved as to form and legality by the Attorney General on** 3/1/12

(date)

Signature: _____

(original signature, personally signed by an Assistant Attorney General)

Printed Name: CHRISTOPHER L. MANIN

EFFECTIVE DATE: MAR 11 2012

02 DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL AND FINANCIAL REGULATION**392 MAINE BOARD OF PHARMACY****Chapter 6: PHARMACY STUDENT INTERNSHIP PROGRAMS (sunsetted)**

Summary: This chapter sets forth requirements of the pharmacy student internship required for licensure by Chapter 4, Section 1(4)(B) of the board's rules.

1. Purpose

A pharmacy student internship consists of 1500 hours of pharmacy practice at one or more drug outlets under the direct supervision of working pharmacists. The pharmacy intern program provides pharmacy students with practical preprofessional experience in a supervised setting and prepares them for licensure as pharmacists. At least 500 hours of the required 1500 hours must be completed in the United States.

2. Qualifications**1. Academic Completion**

A pharmacy student shall have completed the second year of the six-year pharmacy curriculum or its equivalent at a pharmacy degree program described in 32 M.R.S.A. §13732(1)(D) prior to commencing an internship.

2. Registration as Pharmacy Technician

A pharmacy student must be registered as a pharmacy technician pursuant to Chapter 7 of the board's rules prior to commencing an internship. The student intern is subject to all the requirements of Chapter 7 on an ongoing basis, including the requirement of annual renewal, except that the limitation of duties contained in Chapter 7 does not apply to student interns.

3. Duration of Internship

Except in cases of hardship approved by the board, internship must be completed no later than one year after the intern's graduation from the pharmacy degree program. The intern is subject to the limitation of duties contained in Chapter 7 upon either completion of the 1500-hour internship or expiration of the maximum one-year time for completion, whichever first occurs.

4. Preceptor

The pharmacist in charge shall designate one or more preceptor pharmacists for each pharmacy intern employed at the drug outlet. The preceptor shall direct the training of the intern to whom the preceptor is assigned. The preceptor shall have been engaged in the practice of pharmacy

for at least 2 years on a full-time basis immediately prior to serving as preceptor. A preceptor may be responsible for the training of multiple pharmacy interns.

5. Training Program

The drug outlet at which a pharmacy intern is being trained shall provide an environment that is conducive to the learning of the practice of pharmacy by a pharmacy intern. The drug outlet shall develop a training program for pharmacy interns employed at that drug outlet. The drug outlet shall keep a copy of the training program on site at all times and shall furnish the training program to the board upon inspection or upon request. Preceptor pharmacists shall follow the program in training interns.

Internship programs in non-traditional practice settings (e.g., industry-sponsored programs, manufacturer sales representative, physician's office) must be specially approved by the board upon a consideration of the criteria set forth in this section. The board may, in its discretion, approve a non-traditional practice setting for only a portion of the required 1500 hours.

6. Scope of Duties

A student intern who has completed the training program required by Section 5 may assist the preceptor pharmacist in the practice of pharmacy while under the direct supervision of the preceptor.

7. Completion of Internship

An intern employed in Maine shall report completion of the internship to the board on forms supplied by the board and provide such other information as the board may require.

8. Sunset

A student internship completed according to the requirements of this chapter will not qualify an applicant for licensure as a pharmacist for applications received after June 30, 2012.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 M.R.S.A. §§13720, 13721(1)(G), 13723, 13732(3)

EFFECTIVE DATE:

November 8, 2004 - filing 2004-508